

**REGULAR MEETING
HEALTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 20, 2008 @ 2:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairperson Lynette Miller called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynnette Miller, Rebecca Alegria, Mary Husby, Duane Waukau, Shannon Wilber, Jerry Waukau, Eva Robinson and Darwin Dick. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. Also present: Lindzey Grall and Linda Peters, recorder.
2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.
3. Approval of Minutes dated September 22, 2008

Motion made by Rebecca Alegria to approve the minutes dated September 22, 2008. Second was by Jerry Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Husby-not present) and 0 absent.

4. Health Administrator's Report/Jerry Waukau

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Jerry Waukau informed the committee that the Administration and Environmental Health Policy and Procedures have been updated and need to be approved.

ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The clinic newsletter will now be published every quarter instead of every month, there has been a 15 business day timeline for regular complaints and 30 business day timeline for complaints that involve providers, an adjustment to the adverse incidents to match with the Medical policies and a policy was developed to address how gift cards will be handled and disbursed.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The rabies vaccinations scheduling have been adjusted to state that vaccinations will be done by appointment or scheduled events and animal bite investigations are now handled by the Animal Control Officer.

Motion made by Mary Husby for the approval of the following changes to the Clinic's Policy and Procedural Manual changes: 1) the change to the clinic new letter (A-10 Service Unit Management Team) and that the newsletter will now be published every quarter instead of every month, 2) A-23 Complaint Procedure as identified in our packets, 3) A-38 Adverse Incidents as identified in our packets and 4) A-48 Distribution of Incentives concerning gift certificates. For the Environmental Health Services: 1) EH-1520 Rabies Vaccination as identified in our packet and 2) EH-1521 Animal Bite Investigation and Rabies Specimen Handling as identified in our packet. Second was by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (J. Waukau) and 0 absent.

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

Jerry Waukau informed the committee that he needs a recommendation to utilize an additional \$500,000.00 from the clinic's reserves account to carry the tribal clinic operation until December 31, 2008 (end of the clinic's fiscal year). The clinic will receive their IHS funding starting January 31, 2008.

The money is needed to cover Contract Health Services Priority 1 cases until the end of the year. Mr. Waukau explained that Contract Health has experienced a dramatic increase in high cost cases over the years. The causes could be from accidents, cancer, heart attacks, major surgeries etc.

The committee discussed the interest on the judgment funds that are allocated to the clinic. It was noted that found monies from the casino are divided between the youth and the elderly.

Motion made by Shannon Wilber to recommend to the Legislature to support the request of the Menominee Tribal Clinic in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Clinic's reserve account to be transferred to third party accounts. Second was by Darwin Dick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (J. Waukau) and 0 absent.

REPORT TO BUDGET AND FINANCE

This was an information item on the Indirect Cost Shortfall and Impact on Clinic's Reserve Fund report that was given to the Budget and Finance committee. Mr. Waukau informed the committee that historically IHS has never paid full IDC. The clinic also supports their own IT and Maintenance departments and these costs should be removed from the Tribe's IDC calculations. The committee discussed the shortfalls the clinic's face when the full IDC rate is not paid. Mr. J. Waukau informed them that the clinic is looking at litigation to recover some of these funds.

MONTHLY REPORT

No questions.

5. Amendment to Ordinance #86-26 – Abuse of Vulnerable Adults:
Discussion/Recommendations

The committee discussed the title of the ordinance, definitions, enhancers, penalties, and how an abused elder can receive help for property damage or medical expenses.

Lindzey Grall-Legal Department reviewed with the committee the proposed amendments to the ordinance and will incorporate the changes and bring the updated copy to the next meeting.

Motion made by Duane Waukau to table this item until the next meeting. Second was by Eva Robinson. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.

6. Review Monthly Narratives.

Denise Pommer-Aging Division will be on the next agenda for the estimates for the existing Neopit Senior Center and the proposed rehabilitation of the Neopit Head start. Ms. Pommer will also need to bring in the new survey that was conducted at the Neopit Senior Center and find out if the asbestos is completely eradicated from the Neopit Head start. Rebecca Alegria wanted to know if a bus stop could be built across the street from the center.

Mary Husby explained to the committee how her program is handling the lack of funds to assist the needy and how her department is stretching her dollars.

Mrs. Husby gave a brief description on the different types of adoption (Private, Attorney or Agency) and which person benefits.

8. Other Business

No other business.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Jerry Waukau/Darwin Dick to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office